

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Timothy Graham Frank, et al.
Application No. 10/849,400	Filing Date: May 19, 2004
Title of Application:	Medical Grasping and Holding Instrument
Confirmation No. 6980	Art Unit: 3731
Examiner:	Michael G. Mendoza

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**Response to Official Action**

This communication is in response to the Official Action of January 5, 2007. As detailed below, the Examiner has agreed to issue a new, non-final Office Action in light of the preliminary amendment to the claims of the present application of which the Examiner was not aware when he issued the present outstanding Office Action.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.